

Parks and Recreation Minutes July 2,2024

In attendance: Guests, Barbara Shanahan (National Schoodic Scenic Byway) and Larry Johannesman (Maine DOT Landscape Architect), Bonnie Sparks, Misty Gleason, Velma Thomas, Yvette Grindle, Julie Lehenbauer, Gary Edwards.

New Business:

Guest Presentation: Barbara Shanahan (Schoodic Scenic Byway) and Larry Johannesman (ME DOT) shared a site improvement proposal with the committee. Site plan recommendations included, but were not limited to, a Schoodic Byway Park and Bike Area and Recreation Greenspace, Lighting, security cameras, landscape for park and Recreation Center, Artwork on side of SSRC building (Outdoor Map showing Town Recreation Assets), and improvements to SSRC entrances including handicapped accessibility. No specific decisions were made. This is a competitive Government Grant that is nationwide. The goal is to improve the entrance to the Scenic Byway and provide visitors and residents with a proper recreation facility near the entrance to the byway. We are grateful to Larry and Barbara for all their efforts to help improve Sullivan!

Other New Business:

1. Discussion about gaining volunteers to help paint the stairs at the Gazebo. Bonnie and Misty shared willingness to help but are looking for volunteers.
2. Gordon's Wharf needs some sumac trimming. Bonnie and Misty are willing. Looking for landscape volunteers!
3. Volunteer needed for Aquatic Adventure Camp. No decision was made since they will provide their own assistants.
4. Supporting Maine's Lifelong Communities Grant: There was discussion about adding a chess table at the playground and building a collection of tennis racquets that can be checked out for use at the Sullivan Tennis Courts.
5. The Sullivan Singing Bridge T Shirts and accessories will be for sale at Sullivan Daze to raise money for the new skate park.

Old Business:

1. Sullivan Daze Update: Misty Gleason shared need for more volunteers for the day and Yvette Grindle shared the new yard signs and other promotional materials. Posters were distributed for hanging locally.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.